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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Monosodium Glutamate from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2015-2016

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce

SUMMARY: On August 7, 2017, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the *Federal Register* the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty (AD) order on monosodium glutamate (MSG) from the People's Republic of China (PRC) covering the period of review (POR) November 1, 2015, through October 31, 2016. This review covered 27 exporters of subject merchandise. Because none of these companies filed a separate rate application (SRA) and/or a separate rate certification (SRC) to establish their separate rate status, they are being considered part of the PRC-wide entity.

DATES: Applicable [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 7, 2017, the Department published the *Preliminary Results* and gave interested parties an opportunity to comment.¹ The Department received no comments. The Department conducted this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

Scope of the Order

The product covered by this order is MSG, whether or not blended or in solution with other products. Specifically, MSG that has been blended or is in solution with other product(s) is included in this scope when the resulting mix contains 15 percent or more of MSG by dry weight. Products with which MSG may be blended include, but are not limited to, salts, sugars, starches, maltodextrins, and various seasonings. Further, MSG is included in this order regardless of physical form (including, but not limited to, in monohydrate or anhydrous form, or as substrates, solutions, dry powders of any particle size, or unfinished forms such as MSG slurry), end-use application, or packaging. MSG in monohydrate form has a molecular formula of $C_5H_8NO_4Na \cdot H_2O$, a Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) registry number of 6106-04-3, and a Unique Ingredient Identifier (UNII) number of W81N5U6R6U. MSG in anhydrous form has a molecular formula of $C_5H_8NO_4Na$, a CAS registry number of 142-47-2, and a UNII number of C3C196L9FG. Merchandise covered by the scope of this order is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) at subheading 2922.42.10.00. Merchandise subject to the order may also enter under HTS subheadings 2922.42.50.00, 2103.90.72.00, 2103.90.74.00, 2103.90.78.00, 2103.90.80.00, and 2103.90.90.91. The tariff

¹ See *Monosodium Glutamate from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2015-16*, 82 FR 36730 (August 7, 2017) (*Preliminary Results*).

classifications, CAS registry numbers, and UNII numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes; however, the written description of the scope is dispositive.²

Final Results of Review

The Department preliminarily determined that none of the companies demonstrated eligibility for separate rate status and were thus found to be part of the PRC-wide entity.³ As noted above, the Department received no comments concerning the *Preliminary Results* on the record of this segment of the proceeding. As there are no changes from, or comments upon, the *Preliminary Results*, the Department finds that there is no reason to modify its analysis. Accordingly, no decision memorandum accompanies this *Federal Register* notice. For further details of the issues addressed in this proceeding, *see the Preliminary Results*.⁴ In these final results of review, we continued to treat all 27 exporters subject to this review as part of the PRC-wide entity.⁵ The PRC-wide entity rate is 40.41 percent.⁶

PRC-Wide Entity

The Department's policy regarding the conditional review of the PRC-wide entity applies to this administrative review.⁷ Under this policy, the PRC-wide entity will not be under review unless a party specifically requests, or the Department self-initiates, a review of the entity.

² See *Monosodium Glutamate from the People's Republic of China: Second Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Amended Antidumping Order*, 80 FR 487 (January 6, 2015) (*Amended Antidumping Duty Order*).

³ See *Preliminary Results*.

⁴ See *Preliminary Results*.

⁵ In the *Preliminary Results*, we found all 27 exporters subject to this review to be part of the PRC-wide entity as each exporter failed to submit an SRA and/or an SRC to establish its eligibility for separate rate status. For further details of the issues addressed in this proceeding, *see the Preliminary Results*.

⁶ See *Amended Antidumping Duty Order*.

⁷ See *Antidumping Proceedings: Announcement of Change in Department Practice for Respondent Selection in Antidumping Duty Proceedings and Conditional Review of the Nonmarket Economy Entity in NME Antidumping Duty Proceedings*, 78 FR 65963 (November 4, 2013).

Because no party requested a review of the PRC-wide entity in this review, the entity is not under review and the entity's rate is not subject to change (*i.e.*, 40.41 percent).⁸

Assessment Rates

The Department has determined, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries in this review, in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1). The Department intends to issue assessment instructions directly to CBP 15 days after publication in the *Federal Register* of these final results of this administrative review.

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the final results of this administrative review for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided for by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) For previously investigated or reviewed PRC and non-PRC exporters not under review in this segment of the proceeding, but who have separate rates, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the exporter-specific rate published for the most recent period; (2) for all PRC exporters of subject merchandise that have not been found to be entitled to a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be the PRC-wide entity rate (*i.e.*, 40.41 percent); and (3) for all non-PRC exporters of subject merchandise which have not received their own rate, the cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the PRC exporter that supplied that non-PRC exporter. These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

⁸ See Amended Antidumping Duty Order.

Reimbursement of Duties

This notice also serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

Administrative Protective Order

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3), which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. Timely written notification of the return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation, which is subject to sanction.

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.213(h).

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